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I oppose Proposal 13 which seeks authority to restrict fruit shipped to market destinations.

In the depression fruit was dumped while people starved.
Now the poor eat junk food and fruit is too expensive to buy. Then the country is stuck paying for the resulting diabetes and heart disease. Dumping healthy food is not smart.

As long as fruit is healthy, mature, and nutritious, the government should not restrict it.

Restricting choice can only mean higher prices for consumers. The poor will be harmed most by such restrictions.

It would be illegal for any other industry to dictate transactions between willing buyers and sellers, so USDA should not allow that authority in the fruit industry.

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